

# Miller & Rhoads

## Store Open To-Night.

Lunch and Refreshments Served Until Closing Time

The crowds have never been as large, nor the people better served than this year.

From top to bottom the building is one vast storehouse of suitable merchandise for the season, gathered from the four quarters of the earth.

Just a few hints for the last day.

## Feather Neck Pieces & Muffs

Big Reductions in Prices.

To clear every piece out by closing time to-night, we've made some startling reductions in prices.

Coque Boas.	Coque Muffs, \$9 Value, now	\$5.98
\$1.48 Value now	\$1.00	
\$2.00 Value now	\$1.25	
\$3.00 Value now	\$1.69	
\$3.50 Value now	\$2.25	
\$5.00 Value now	\$2.98	
\$8.00 Value now	\$4.98	
Maraboa Boas.	\$34 Value -	\$20.98
\$39 Value -	\$23.98	
Maraboa Sets.	\$8.00 Value now	\$4.98
\$12 Value now	\$8.98	

## New Furs for Women and Children.

A lot of new furs came in yesterday, replenishing a stock that has had many large drafts made upon it during the past few days.

Special values in furs for Christmas gifts in MINK, SQUIRREL, FOX, LYNX, ASTRAKHAN, PERSIAN LAMB, etc.

The assortment includes an unusually good lot of values in CHILDREN'S FUR SETS.

Women's Isabella and Fox Scarfs, \$7.98; large brush tails and cloaks.

ISABELLA and FOX MUFFS, one to three stripes, \$12.00, \$15, \$16.50, \$18.00.

SQUIRREL SETS for WOMEN, medium size muffs, 50-inch scarfs, lined with satin—\$12.98.

CHILDREN'S FUR SETS of WHITE ANGORA—\$1.98.

SQUIRREL and THIBET SETS, square muffs—\$2.98.

## Books.

Plenty of Them for Everybody

Books for young and old—fiction, travel, history, biography, religious—practically anything you want for yourself or friends in the book line can be supplied from this stock.

To-day's sales will round out what has been the biggest holiday book business we've ever had. More books sold in this store during December than have ever been sold in Richmond before during the same time.

Many Mantle Patterns, 10c; by mail, 12c.

## Buy Christmas Candies Here

You'll get a full variety: the candies are absolutely pure and the prices very low.

10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, and 20c lb. for the best grades that have ever been sold over a Richmond counter.

25c, 30c, 35c and 40c lb. for Chocolates and Bonbons that are hard to equal under much higher prices—our fine Chocolates being equal to anything that's sold in Richmond at 80c.

CRYSTALIZED FRUITS, freshly packed, 35c, 40c, 50c lb.

## WHERE ARE THOSE SIX HUNDRED COWS?

Problem Agitating Board of Health Not Apparent on Face of Auditor's Report.

ONLY 73 IN RICHMOND!

Anybody Can Count Them by Hundreds, but They Are Not Here, All the Same.

### Gather Wisdom Here

Cities.	Population.	Cows.	Watches.
Richmond	32,444	338	344
Roanoke	21,405	600	3,020
Staunton	7,280	138	1,230
Williamsburg	2,044	80	267
Winchester	5,161	123	408

Some curious, if not startling, deductions concerning the return of personal property for taxation in Virginia are to be drawn from figures set out in the report of the Auditor of Public Accounts, which was printed in The Times-Dispatch on Sunday.

The table exhibited above, made up from the official figures given out by the Auditor in his report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1907, reveal the almost inconceivable fact that every city in the State, with the exception of Alexandria, Fredericksburg and Norfolk, pay taxes on more cows than does Richmond, and that the little city of Radford, with a population of less than 4,000, returns within fifty or as many watches for taxation as are assessed in the capital city of the State.

### Curious Situation.

In making up the table the population of the six cities used is that shown by the census of 1900, though they have all grown since that time. This is a fair basis for present purposes, however, as the relative growth has been about the same. The two items of cows and watches are taken, and the discrepancies are at once revealed. The cows population number it is the more important that there should be stringent regulations with reference to purity and cleanliness. In view of Dr. Levy's rough estimate of 600 cows in the city, it is advertised to, and only seventy-three were found listed for taxation. A prominent member of the Council declares that he can recall over 100 in his section of the city, and the discrepancy therefore seems warranted that some owners of milch cows are failing to return this class of property for taxation.

This portion of the Auditor's report is compiled from the books of the commissioners of the revenue in the various sections of the State. Therefore, although it may reveal some unexplained facts, it is nevertheless official and reliable. The truth is that out of the eighteen cities of the State, only three return fewer cows than Richmond. They are Fredericksburg, 65; Norfolk, 84; Alexandria, 8.

### Smallest and Largest.

Williamsburg is the smallest city in the State and Richmond the largest. Here is the cow census of these two municipalities, as made up for purposes of taxation: Williamsburg, 80; Richmond, 73.

It should be stated in fairness that Richmond's cow population has increased to some extent since her territory was enlarged. The return of cows here in 1906 was 39 and in 1907 73.

Undoubtedly the most glaring discrepancy as to cows is between Radford and Richmond. The figures are: Radford—population, 3,244; number of cows returned, 338. Richmond—population, 32,444; number of cows returned, 73.

Only eight out of the eighteen cities in the State return fewer watches than Richmond. They are: Williamsburg, 267; Radford, 564; Portsmouth, 298; Newport News, 486; Fredericksburg, 253; Yemassee, 151; Bristol, 429; Alexandria, 184. Richmond returns 344—just fifty more than Radford, while Roanoke, with a population of only 21,405, returns 3,020. Clifton Forge, 1,495, returns 3,026. The figures are: Clifton Forge, 1,495; Portsmouth, 298; Newport News, 486; Fredericksburg, 253; Yemassee, 151; Bristol, 429; Alexandria, 184. Richmond returns 344—just fifty more than Radford, while Roanoke, with a population of only 21,405, returns 3,020. Clifton Forge, 1,495, returns 3,026.

The Auditor's report offers a fruitful field for an investigation of local conditions throughout the State, and particularly in Richmond city.

### Would Return Flag.

Postmaster Cabell is in receipt of a letter from Mr. F. V. Swettenham, a Federal Officer of Ansonia, Conn., stating that he has the original flag used by the First Battalion, Twenty-ninth Virginia Volunteer Infantry, which was captured at the battle of Gettysburg, during the Civil War. He says he was a member of the regiment, and that he was present at the battle. He offers to return the flag to the city, and asks that the city should give him a reward of \$100.00.

Mr. Swettenham, who gives his address as 142 Third Street, Ansonia, Conn., announces in his letter that he will be glad to return the flag to the city, and asks that the city should give him a reward of \$100.00.

## MAY BE CITY ENGINEER



CHARLES E. DILLING. As stated in The Times-Dispatch yesterday, Mr. Dilling, Superintendent of the Water Department, and Mr. Beck, Building Inspector, are far ahead of other candidates in the race for the position of City Engineer made vacant by the death of Colonel William E. Cuthbert. Friends of both are claiming a majority of votes in the Council.

## ABOLISH OLD SYSTEM

Radical Changes in Charter Proposed by Subcommittee, Which Favors Board of Control for City.

Radical changes in the city charter of Richmond were recommended in the report of the subcommittee of the Council Committee on Charter Revision at its meeting last night. Without accepting or rejecting the plan the committee deferred the whole question until next Monday night so that the matter may be carefully considered in the morning by those who will be urged to approve it.

Without suggesting any decrease in the membership of the two branches of the City Council, the report provides for the creation of a Board of Control, consisting of five members, to be elected by the people, this board to perform the duties now performed by the joint committees. The main object of the plan is to separate the legislative and executive departments. It is believed that the necessary satisfaction to taxpayers in general, however, is the section which says that salaries of city officials and employees shall not be increased without the indorsement of the Board of Control.

### To Check Salary Grabbers.

Alderman W. T. Dabney, Councilman Gilbert K. Pollock and Hunsdon Cary, with the assistance and direction of City Attorney Pollard, prepared the report. There are 100 even votes in the new charter. Much of it remains the same as heretofore. Those features relating to salaries and the creation of a Board are new and of greatest importance. It is believed that the recommendations will be sent to the Council, and with its concurrence it will not be difficult to secure the necessary amendments from the General Assembly.

Section 26, relating to salaries, says: "The Council shall fix the pay of all city officers, but when such pay has been fixed the same shall not be increased by the City Council without the approval of the Board of Control." The Board of Control, which is to be composed of five members, shall be elected by the people. The salary of each member shall be fixed at \$5,000 each. One member shall serve two years, two shall serve three years and two shall serve four years. The Board of Control shall have the power to fix the pay of all city employees, and shall have the power to fix the pay of all city officers, but when such pay has been fixed the same shall not be increased by the City Council without the approval of the Board of Control.

### Defining Its Duties.

The revised section dealing with its duties explains itself clearly in the following: "The Board of Control shall exercise all of the duties of an executive body, and shall have the power to appoint and remove all city officers, and to exercise all of the powers of the City Council, except the power to pass on the budget and to fix the salaries of city officers and employees." The Board of Control shall have the power to fix the pay of all city employees, and shall have the power to fix the pay of all city officers, but when such pay has been fixed the same shall not be increased by the City Council without the approval of the Board of Control.

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## BUCHANAN GUILTY, BUT SAVED FROM PEN

Two-Year Term for Forger Cut in Half by Governor Swanson.

ALL DONE WITHIN AN HOUR

Former Good Character, Kindly Disposed Jury, and Mother's Tears Had Good Effect.

Within one hour from the time he was sentenced to a term of two years in the penitentiary, George G. Buchanan, charged with forgery, was out of the city jail. In many respects it was an unusual proceeding, the ground upon which the prisoner obtained clemency being his former good character.

### Pleading Guilty.

Buchanan, a young white man, was indicted in seven different cases. He pleaded guilty to the forgery of a check for \$100.00, drawn on the Merchants and Farmers Bank, and to the forgery of a check for \$100.00, drawn on the Merchants and Farmers Bank. He was sentenced to a term of two years in the penitentiary.

### Appealed to Governor.

Mr. Gilbert K. Pollock, counsel for Buchanan, immediately went to work to secure clemency for his client. He pleaded the former good character of the young man, and the fact that he was a native-born citizen of the United States. He also pleaded the fact that Buchanan was a member of the Salvation Army, and that he was a member of the Merchants and Farmers Bank.

### THREW DOLLAR IN

Young Man Dropped Bill Into Room

While the members of the Associated Charities were hard at work Saturday night, or rather Sunday morning, over the problem of the distribution of the Christmas dinner, a young man, well dressed and of good appearance, who seemed to be greatly interested in the work, presented himself before the glass door. This is a familiar sight to those who have seen the Christmas dinner, and who have seen the young man, who seemed to be greatly interested in the work, presented himself before the glass door.

### INVITE THE CHIEF

"West Avenue Gang" Wants the Chief to Join in Their Merry-Making.

Chief of Police W. W. C. Smith, who received a letter from a "West Avenue Gang," extending him a hearty invitation to join in their merry-making on Christmas night, has promised the chief the time of his life, and says they will give him all the more he can eat. One of the gang, a more honest and enthusiastic invitation.

Soon after receiving the letter, Mr. Smith called on the chief of the gang, who wanted to know just what orders were to be enforced during Christmas. The chief was told that the gang was a very good one, and that they were a very good one.

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## HOLIDAY CROWDS THROUG STREETS

Thousands of Busy Shopper Spend Entire Day in Broad Street Stores.

BIG CELEBRATION TO-NIGHT

Christmas Eve Revelry Will Continue Until Late Hour. Cheer for the Poor.

Christmas shopping reached its acme yesterday morning, and until a late hour to-night the shops will be filled with busy purchasers and the streets will be crowded with people of all ages and conditions, loaded with bundles.

### Seldom has a Christmas holiday

Seldom has a Christmas holiday been so busy as this. The streets are filled with people of all ages and conditions, loaded with bundles. The shops are filled with busy purchasers. The streets are filled with people of all ages and conditions, loaded with bundles.

### Busy Scenes on Street.

During yesterday and late into last night, Broad Street, in the retail shopping districts, was thronged with shoppers, and some who, although they had enabled them to spend the last day or two before Christmas in merrymaking, to-night will see a sight which, for the first time in many years, will be anything but a sight to be avoided. Broad Street will be crowded to the car tracks with merry-makers, and in horns and torpedoes will have full sway. Until a late hour the thronging will go on, and some regulations for the safety of the street will have to be observed, the police will have as much to do as they can to keep the street as safe as possible, and only those who are really or dangerously will be molested.

But not alone in the streets were Christmas preparations being made yesterday. In thousands of homes in Richmond it was shown that Virginia housewives have not lost the art of making good food, and in many a pantry the plum pudding, the rows of mince pies stand ready for the coming of the holiday.

The markets reflected a gorgeous scene, the stalls piled with the good things of the earth, and decked with bowers of evergreen, the stalls were mingled the red berry of the holly and the white of the mistletoe. Old women of the white of the mistletoe. Old women of the white of the mistletoe.

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## EVERYTHING HALTS TERRIFIED DEER FOR HOLIDAY RUSH RAN TO FIRE-HOUSE

Council Committees Unable to Do Much Business Last Night. Investigations Deferred.

Councilman C. E. Richards, of Marshall Ward, did not have an opportunity last night to present his case as to overcharges for sewer work, as the Subcommittee on Streets failed to meet. One member was very busy with the Christmas rush, another had purchased a couple of tickets to see the "Butterfly" performance at the Academy of Music, and the third could not sit alone. It was therefore agreed to postpone consideration of the matter until next Monday night.

### Phone Inquiry Hints.

Christmas festivities also interfered with the plans of the Council Committee on Electricity for an investigation of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's service in Richmond. Chairman Satterfield had notified Alderman Bennett, the first complainant at the board of procedure, that he would be determined at the meeting; but Mr. Bennett did not appear. This, however, did not matter very much, as Mr. Satterfield said that immediately after Christmas the committee would be prepared to go into the matter in inquiry, and due notice will be given complaining subscribers in order that they may be heard.

### Shows Need of Board.

Even with a quorum present, and a large number of citizens waiting to be heard, the Committee on Local Assessments could not meet last night. The rules require that a working quorum must be composed of a certain number of Aldermen and a certain number of Councilmen. The Aldermanic representation was there in full force, but the law was quoted and nothing could be done.

### Give All a Square Deal.

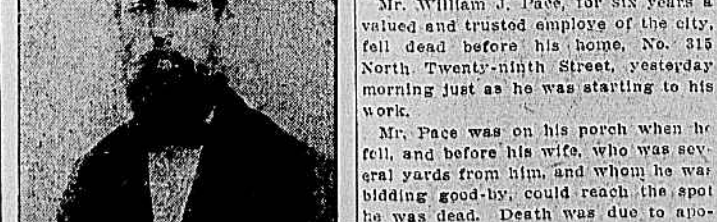
Members of the Committee on Street Cleaning succeeded last night in getting through a resolution instructing the superintendent to purchase broom and other supplies hereafter from dealers generally, in order that all home concerns may have a share of the business. Mr. Nelson suggested that it was unfair to receive prices from one dealer and then permit another dealer to meet them. As far as possible the supplies must be bought at home.

### Colored Theatre.

A crowd of colored people filled the Empire Theatre in North Second Street yesterday at the matinee to see the farce scene and hear the new operatic baritone here. In addition to this a surprise was sprung on the audience when the opera "Cosme's Execution" was presented with a local orchestra.

## TWO WELL-KNOWN MEN DROP DEAD

Captain Phillips Expired While Playing With His Grand-Child Yesterday.



Captain J. B. Phillips, one of the most beloved and respected citizens of Church Hill, a gallant Confederate veteran, dropped dead in his home, No. 413 North Thirtieth Street, at about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Up to the time of his death he was apparently in good health, and a few moments before he passed away was holding his little granddaughter, Kate Phillips, in his lap. He was seventy-three years of age.

Born in Prince Edward county July 22, 1834, Captain Phillips had been prominent in all walks of life, serving throughout the war as captain in the Fifty-third Virginia Regiment, Pickens' Division. For some years he was a merchant in a clothing store, and afterwards he was elected treasurer of that county. In 1860 he was married to Miss Hattie Perkins. His widow and two daughters—Mrs. S. G. Phillips and Miss Cora Phillips—survive him.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The interment will be made in Oakwood Cemetery.

## William J. Pace Stricken While Bidding Good-By to His Wife.

Mr. William J. Pace, for six years a valued and trusted employee of the city, fell dead before his home, No. 315 North Twenty-ninth Street, yesterday morning just as he was starting to his work.

Mr. Pace was on his porch when he fell, and before his wife, who was several yards from him, and whom he was bidding good-by, could reach the spot he was dead. Death was due to apoplexy.

Mr. Pace was born in Fluvanna county fifty-five years ago, and before coming to Richmond lived several years in Charlottesville. He leaves his widow and four children—Misses Ivy M. and Goldie E. Pace, and Messrs. Charles D. and Floyd R. Pace.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in Oakwood.

## Too Risky

Ask your doctor if he does not think it would be wise for you to keep a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in the house.

"A hard chill, pain through the chest, difficult breathing." If this should be your experience, send for your doctor. It may be pneumonia! To doctor yourself would be too risky. If your doctor cannot come at once, give Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. When he comes, tell him what you have done. F. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

## WENT FOR PIG; GOT SQUALLING BABY TOO

Man Who Threatened Justice Crutchfield Charged With Defrauding Mrs. Gatewood.

Thomas Maxwell, who has appeared in police circles before, the first time as a man seeking justice, Maxwell, the found of justice itself, namely, the One J. J. was yesterday himself caught in the coils of the law, being arrested on the charge of defrauding Mrs. B. B. Gatewood out of a board bill amounting to \$11 and obtaining \$7 from Louis Walker under false pretences.

It will be remembered that Maxwell recently appeared in the Police Court to recover a suit of clothes from John A. Cunningham, the colored proprietor of a pressing establishment. The latter's defense was that Maxwell owed him for work on the clothes. After hearing the case Justice Crutchfield said to Maxwell: "Pay the negro what you owe him, and come back here next Friday."

Maxwell waxed exceedingly wrath at this, and said that he was insulted. He wrote a letter to Justice Crutchfield, and then he went to a conference, during the course of which Maxwell's procedure was said to be very threatening. He stated at that time that he had influence, money and friends. The case was finally smoothed over, though the pressing establishment was advised to send the man to jail.

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